

RCE/1746#

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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/298,160
Filing Date	April 22, 1999
First Named Inventor	Dan G. Custer et al.
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	A. Olsen
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1172

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-0925
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 710.00 enclosed Check No. 129982
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	March 13, 2001

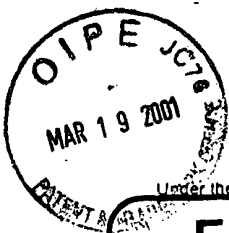
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## Complete if Known

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Deposit Account Name: Wells, St. John

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed: (Check No. 129982)

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	355		Utility filing fee	
106	206	160		Design filing fee	
107	207	245		Plant filing fee	
108	208	355		Reissue filing fee	
114	214	75		Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ )

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims:  -20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims:  -3\*\* =  X  =   
Multiple Dependent:  =

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	203	9		Claims in excess of 20
102	202	40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104	204	135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	209	40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ ) -0-

\*\*for number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	239	130		Non-English specification	
147	247	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	212	920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	213	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	55		Extension for reply within first month	
116	216	195		Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	445		Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	155		Notice of Appeal	
120	220	155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	135		Request for oral hearing	
138	238	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	242	620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	243	220		Design issue fee	
144	244	300		Plant issue fee	
122	222	130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	223	50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	226	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	279	355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710
169	269	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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